

Chapter 5



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Public scoping meeting

Consultation, Coordination, and Preparation

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5.1 Introduction

This chapter describes how we engaged others in developing this draft CCP/EA. It details our efforts to encourage the involvement of the public and conservation partners, including other Federal and State agencies, county officials, civic groups, non-governmental conservation and education organizations, and user groups. It also identifies who contributed significantly to the content or writing of the plan.

According to Service policy, we must review and update our final CCP at least once every 15 years. We may need to revise it sooner, either in response to significant new information that would markedly change management direction, or if the Service Director or our Regional Director deem it necessary. If so, we will once again announce our revised planning and encourage your participation.

5.2 Planning Process

January 24, 2011	Kick-off meeting for CCP Core Team members, including representatives from the Service's Northeast Regional Office and Eastern Virginia Rivers NWR Complex, VDGIF, and Cardno JFNew (consultants).
January 5, 2011 and February 3, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and public involvement with the interagency planning team developing the James River Segment Trail Plan for the NPS Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT.
March 16, 2011	Distributed planning newsletter (#1).
March 29, 2011	Article on the Richmond Times Dispatch and The Republic.com Web sites.
April 4, 2011	Informal meeting with Congressman Rob Wittman included a brief discussion about the focus and development of CCP.
April 5-7, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Environment Virginia Symposium at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.
April 9, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of YMCA event and volunteer day.
April 14, 2011	Notice of Intent to prepare CCP/EA published in the <i>Federal Register</i> .
April 19, 2011	Hosted a public open house scoping meeting in Chester, Virginia, along with representative from VDGIF.
April 20, 2011	Hosted a public open house scoping meeting in in Richmond, Virginia, along with representative from VDGIF. Hosted a government and agency partners scoping meeting in Richmond, Virginia.
April 22, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Earth Day tour.
May 5-6 and 9-10, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with the interagency planning team developing the James River Segment Trail Plan for the NPS Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT.

May 10, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation pontoon trip.
May 11, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Presquile NWR pontoon trip.
June 18, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of the Rivah Fest in Rappahannock, Virginia.
June 7, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Bermuda Hundred neighborhood meeting.
June 24, 2011	Distributed planning update newsletter (#2), as well as scoping and issues summary.
June 29, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of VCU Teacher Workshop.
June 30, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Chesterfield County Fire Department.
July 26, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of VCU Summer Discovery Program.
September 12, 2011	Distributed draft compatibility determination regarding the four priority public uses of wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation on the refuge for 30-day public review and comment period.
September 20, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Presquile NWR pontoon trip.
September 21, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Presquile NWR pontoon trip.
September 24, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of Presquile NWR pontoon trip.
October 2, 2011	Informally discussed CCP development process and progress with attendees of the "GO WILD" Event at Rappahannock River Valley NWR in Warsaw, Virginia.
November 28, 2011	Distributed Overnight Accommodations EA, which included the approved compatibility determination for the four priority public uses of wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation for 30-day public review and comment period.
December 8, 2011	Article about the Overnight Accommodations EA in the Richmond Times Dispatch Web site.

December 14, 2011	Article about the Overnight Accommodations EA on the Chesterfield Observer and Village News Web sites.
February 23, 2012	Distributed FONSI for the Overnight Accommodations EA.
February 27, 2012	Article about the FONSI for the Overnight Accommodations EA on the Richmond Times Dispatch, The Republic, and WTOP Web sites.
February 29, 2012	Article about the FONSI for the Overnight Accommodations EA on the Village News Web site.
March 8, 2012	Briefed Richmond County Board of Supervisors on CCP development and progress.
March 13, 2012	Briefed Essex County Board of Supervisors on CCP development and progress.
April 14, 2012	Informally discussed CCP development and progress with attendees of volunteer work day on Presquile NWR.
April 27, 2012	Informally discussed CCP development and progress with attendees of Arbor Day pontoon trip around and nature walk at Presquile NWR.
May 11, 2012	Informally discussed CCP development and progress with attendees of International Migratory Bird Day pontoon trip around and nature walk at Presquile NWR.
May 12, 2012	Informally discussed CCP development and progress with attendees of canoe/kayak trip around and nature walk at Presquile NWR.
May 15, 2012	Informally discussed CCP development and progress with attendees of wildlife observation boat and island tour of Presquile NWR.

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